

**Proposed Amendments to  
Superior Court Rule 9C(a): General conferral rule**

**Current version:**

Counsel for each of the parties shall confer in advance of filing any motion, except motions governed by Rule 9A(d) and Standing Order 1-96, and make a good faith effort to narrow areas of disagreement to the fullest extent. Counsel for the party who intends to serve the motion shall be responsible for initiating the conference, which conference shall be by telephone or in person. All such motions shall include a certificate stating that the conference required by this Rule was held, together with the date and time of the conference and the names of all participating parties, or that the conference was not held despite reasonable efforts by the moving party to initiate the conference, setting forth the efforts made to speak by telephone or in person with opposing counsel. Motions unaccompanied by such certificate will be denied without prejudice to renew when accompanied by the required certificate.

**Proposed amendments—replace the current version, above, with the following:**

Except motions governed by Rule 9A(d) and Standing Order 1-96, the parties have an ongoing obligation to make a good-faith effort to narrow areas of disagreement on any motion to the fullest extent possible. Prior to serving any motion, and again prior to filing a Rule 9A package with the court, the movant is responsible for initiating a conference with all parties, which conferences shall be conducted by telephone, videoconference, or in person. All filed motions shall include a certificate stating that the conferences required by this Rule were held, together with the date and time and meeting method used for the conferences and the names of all participating parties, or that the conferences were not held despite reasonable efforts by the movant to initiate the same, setting forth in detail the efforts made to comply with this Rule. Motions unaccompanied by such certificate will be denied without prejudice to renew when accompanied by the required certificate. This conferral obligation shall continue until the motion is resolved, including prior to any hearing that may be scheduled by the Court.